

ORDINANCE NO. 19-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PINELLAS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 15-30, AS AMENDED, TO UPDATE THE COUNTYWIDE PLAN STRATEGIES AND COUNTYWIDE RULES; DELETING THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED LAND USE VISION MAP; ADOPTING THE LAND USE STRATEGY MAP; MODIFYING STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACTIVITY CENTER AND MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR CATEGORIES; RECLASSIFYING SPECIAL CENTERS AND SPECIAL CORRIDORS; CREATING THE PLANNED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CATEGORY; MODIFYING THE TIERED AMENDMENT PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR NEW LOCAL DENSITY AND INTENSITY BONUSES; ADDING AND MODIFYING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, acting pursuant to its countywide planning authority, has repealed the former Countywide Comprehensive Plan and replaced it by adoption of Ordinance No. 15-30 on August 7, 2015, which has been subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS, as part of Ordinance 15-30, the Board adopted the Countywide Plan Strategies, Countywide Plan Map, and the Countywide Rules, which collectively comprise the Countywide Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council is operating under the fictitious name of Forward Pinellas.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council, pursuant to Section 6(7)(b), Chapter 2012-245, Laws of Florida, is authorized to develop rules, standards, policies, and objectives that will implement the Countywide Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas Planning Council pursuant to Section 10(3)(a), Chapter 2012-245, Laws of Florida, is authorized to initiate amendment to a rule or strategy of the Countywide Plan, as determined necessary by the Council to establish effective countywide planning; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Plan provides for the coordination of land use and transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Plan Strategies include a Transit-Oriented Land Use Vision Map, which sets forth appropriate locations for Activity Centers and Multimodal Corridors in coordination with transit planning; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Rules set forth land use categories applicable to the Countywide Plan Map, together with use characteristics, density/intensity standards, and other standards, including the Activity Center and Multimodal Corridor categories, in accordance with the Countywide Plan Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Rules set forth a tiered amendment process for the adoption and amendment of the Activity Center and Multimodal Corridor categories; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Plan Strategies and Countywide Rules recognize Activity Centers and Multimodal Corridors adopted prior to August 7, 2015, with the classification “Special Centers” and “Special Corridors,” respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Rules provide for local density and intensity bonuses to be established to meet specified planning objectives of the Countywide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, has determined that it is necessary and appropriate, in the interest of coordinating with ongoing transit planning efforts of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization and Pinellas Transit Authority, to revise the above provisions of the Countywide Plan Strategies and Countywide Rules; and

WHEREAS, Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to create a new Planned Redevelopment District category applicable to the Countywide Plan Map; and

WHEREAS, the requisite procedures concerning notice and public hearing for amendment of the Countywide Rules have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The amended Countywide Plan Strategies as set forth in Exhibit “A” of this Ordinance are hereby adopted and included as part of the Countywide Plan.

SECTION 2. The amended Countywide Rules as set forth in Exhibit “B” of this Ordinance are hereby adopted and included as part of the Countywide Plan.

SECTION 3. The Countywide Plan Appendix, as set forth in Exhibit “C”, shall support, but not be an official part of, the Countywide Plan.

SECTION 4. Severability. It is declared to be the intent of the Board of County Commissioners that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Filing of Ordinance; Effective Date. Pursuant to Section 125.66, Florida Statutes, a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board of County Commissioners. This Ordinance shall become effective upon filing with the Department of State.